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Delta Arts offering late night dinners tonight and tomorrow

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Winston-Salem native Chris Murrell, a noted jazz vocalist, will perform on tonight (Thursday, Aug. 6) and on Friday, Aug. 7 at the Delta Arts Center's Late Night Jazz Dinners. The dinners were introduced during the 2007 National Black Theatre Festival to offer play-goers an intimate venue and scrumptious southern fare.

Director Executive



Chris Murrell

President Peggy Moore have enlisted their crew to prepare vegetable casseroles. fried corn, fried green tomatoes, banana pudding and peach cobbler. The Center has also partnered with Bibs Downtown to offer even more menu items.

Murrell, who has performed worldwide with the Count Basie Orchestra, will perform two sets each night at 10:30 and 11:30. Guests staying in the downtown

Dianne Caesar and Board hotels may get free transportation to the Delta Arts 2611 New Center. Walkertown Road, by going to the Clark Campbell Transportation Center at 5th

and Trade Streets, and taking the Route 1 bus. The bus will depart for downtown at 12:45 am. Bookmarks that may be used for transit tickets, may be found in the lobbies of all downtown hotels. The cost is \$25 per per-Reservations are son. required by calling 336-722or emailing 2625 delta2611@bellsouth.net.



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Phalanx members William Stevenson n d William Holloway.



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extended invitations to all those running for seats this year. Claudia Shivers, a Republican who is running for the Northeast Ward seat that is currently held by Vivian Burke, stopped by with her daughters, Mikela and Jordan, to donate clothes. Attorney S. Wayne Patterson, a Democrat running for the open North Ward seat, contributed boxes of donuts to the giveaway and helped give out clothes. He called the area the "heart of the North Ward."

"You have to participate in the community," said Patterson of his motivation for coming.

City Council Member Evelyn Terry, who will be defending her Southeast Ward seat against several challengers in the Democratic primary, helped the brothers of Phalanx serve hotdogs. Terry said she worked in the area when she was an Experiment in Self-Reliance employee.

"It just felt good," said Terry. "It just felt good being back here."

It was the first time Phalanx had done such a giveaway. The small, 18-member fraternity often busies itself by sponsoring children to attend camps and giving baskets to those in need at Christmas and Thanksgiving. Fraternity brothers also mentor children at Philo Middle School, where Sockwell works.

The fraternity started out with 160 hot dogs and nearly 50 boxes of clothes. At half past noon, all the food was gone and only eight boxes of clothes remained. With a dark cloud threatening rain, the event wrapped up. The boxes of left-over clothing were loaded into a van and taken to Green Street United Methodist Church, which will distribute them to needy families. The members of Phalanx said they hope to do similar events in the future.

"As successful as we have been - it will not be the last one," said Phalanx Brother William Smalls.

